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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM

REF: GEORGETOWN I338

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO
PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM PLEASED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES ARE
IMPROVING STEADILY. MANY OF OUR OBJECTIVES ARE THE
SAME, AND OUR COUNTRIES HAVE MUCH TO GAIN BY WORKING
TOGETHER.

AMBASSADOR BURKE HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR WISH TO MEET
WITH ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH A MEETING TOO, SO
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THAT I CAN BENEFIT FROM YOUR LONG EXPERIENCE AS A
LEADER IN THE CARIBBEAN. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF
MY VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE. INDEED, PRESSING DOMESTIC

ISSUES HAVE FORCED ME TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEET-
INGS I CAN HAVE WITH FOREIGN LEADERS, AND EVEN TO

CANCEL SOME I HAD ALREADY SCHEDULED.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT DEVELOPMENT IS THE KEY PROBLEM FOR YOUR COUNTRY, AND WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP A RESPONSIVE AID POLICY. WE ARE PROGRAMMING UP TO \$20 MILLION FOR GUYANA THIS YEAR, INCLUDING A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE BLACK BUSH POLDER PROJECT.

MORE IMMEDIATELY, I WAS CONCERNED TO LEARN OF THE PROBLEMS YOUR COUNTRY IS FACING BECAUSE OF MALFUNCTIONS IN ITS ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM. WE HAVE SENT A TEAM TO GEORGETOWN TO ASSESS THE SITUATION, AND WE ARE NOW EXAMINING WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

WE AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT THE NEED FOR GREATER REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CARIBBEAN WHICH CAN ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES AND IMPROVE THE USE OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FROM BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN SOURCES. I HOPE THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN GROUP IN JUNE WILL BE A SUCCESS. THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK COULD HELP BY EXPANDING ITS MANDATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CARIBBEAN GROUP.

I AM SORRY WE CANNOT MEET AT THE MOMENT, BUT I
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HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL GROW CLOSER IN THE YEARS TO COME.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT.

2. LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. IN REACHING DECISION TO SEND LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER, DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL.

3. IF AMBASSADOR HAS OBJECTIONS TO DELIVERY OF LETTER, HE SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT BY CABLE SOONEST.

4. ORIGINAL OF LETTER IS BEING POUCHED. VANCE

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